

ITEMS OF INTEREST  
IN AND ABOUT TOWN

Happenings of the Day in  
Various Parts of the  
Nation's Capital.

The regular monthly meeting of the Mid-City Citizens' Association will be held tonight at 8 o'clock in rooms over United States Savings Bank, J. E. Boisseau, publicity manager of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, will address the meeting, and will answer all questions on the Lewis telephone bill. An invitation is extended to all persons interested in this legislation, and all members of the association are urged to attend the meeting.

Reports will be submitted by the committee on the special committee on Fourteenth street lighting, the law and legislative committee, and the special committee on vacant lot farming and home gardening, of which the association is the pioneer in the movement.

**Sons of Veterans.**  
Congressman John M. Evans of Montana will be the principal speaker at an open meeting of Lincoln Camp, Sons of Veterans, in their hall, Eleventh and E streets, this evening.

**Will Urge Jewish Relief.**  
Dr. Stephen A. Wise and Jacob Billikopf, of St. Louis, executive directors of the American Jewish relief committee, will speak at a mass meeting here on April 8 for the benefit of destitute Jews in Russia. The place for the meeting has not yet been selected.

**Women's War Work.**  
The work of women in the European war was discussed this afternoon at the residence of Mrs. H. P. Sanders, 1504 Twenty-first street, by Mrs. Josephine Griffith, of Chicago, who has recently returned from a year's residence in Europe.

**Program for Blind.**  
A program of dramatic readings and songs will be given by Wilbur John Carr this evening at 8 o'clock at the National Library for the Blind, 1729 H street northwest, under the direction of E. J. Joselyn, director of the library. The blind of the District are invited to attend.

**War to Be Theme.**  
"What Attitude Should the Colored People Take in Event of War Between the United States and Germany?" will be the theme of an address by Dr. S. P. W. Drew before a mass meeting of colored people of Washington in Cosmopolitan Baptist Church next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

**"Religion Enslaves Woman."**  
Mrs. Joseph Seal of Buffalo, N. Y., addressing the Secular League, in Pythian Temple yesterday, declared "religion has been the greatest factor in the subjugation and enslavement of woman to man's domination." Her contention was discussed by Dr. Mary Walker, Mrs. Viola Kaufman, Howard Morton, Miss Ida M. Waters and others. Under Mr. Seal's original poem and J. W. Nigh read a recitation.

**Drill At Rock Creek Park.**  
Rock Creek Park, near Pierce's mill, had a distinct military aspect yesterday as a result of the drilling of a big company of youths and men by Major S. E. Bomar and Capt. Israel Putnam in preparation of the training of classes of the National Capital Military College. The work of the classes will begin at the old Central High School tomorrow night.

**Would Educate Mexicans.**  
A good way to solve the Mexican problem would be to educate the people, was the statement last night of L. B. Fritts, of Chihuahua, Mexico, speaking at the Mt. Pleasant Congregational Church, Fourteenth street and Columbia road. "The people of Mexico want peace," declared Mr. Fritts. "They are not warlike. They want order. The way to give it to them is to educate the masses."

**Kindness to Animals Theme.**  
Clergymen in Washington and elsewhere throughout the United States will be asked to make kindness to animals the theme for their sermons Sunday, April 22, that date having been selected by the American Humane Association as "Humane Sunday." The period from April 16 to 21 has been designated as "Be Kind to Animals Week," during which time nationwide propaganda will be conducted in behalf of the animals.

**Problems Confront Hebrews.**  
In spite of the fact that Hebrews have obtained freedom in Russia, many problems confront the race now, declared Julius I. Peyer, Washington lawyer, at a meeting of the Junior Society of the Eighth Street Temple last night. The problem of feeding the thousands of Hebrews made destitute by the war was

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said by Mr. Peyer to be the greatest immediate difficulty facing the new Russian government.

**Inaugural Tasks Finished.**  
The second inaugural of President Wilson will pass into history, so far as the local arrangements committee is concerned. Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, when the committee will meet in the New Willard and committee chairman will report completion of their work. Col. R. N. Harper, chairman of the inaugural committee, will preside.

**P. J. Hattigan to Speak.**  
Following a brief business session of Washington Council, No. 224, Knights of Columbus, at 8:15 o'clock tomorrow night, a lecture will be given by P. J. Hattigan in the hall, 606 E street northwest. Mr. Hattigan, reading clerk in the House, will speak on "Congress, Its History, Its Leaders, and How It Works." More than 100 views will be shown.

TO BREAK GROUND  
FOR NEW CHURCH

Widow of Former Pastor to  
Turn First Spade of Dirt  
This Afternoon.

Ground-breaking exercises for the new Methodist Episcopal Church South, which is to replace the structure of the Mt. Vernon Place Church, will be held at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. The exercises, which mark the completion of a ten-year campaign over the entire territory covered by the South church, will also mark the erection of a representative edifice of the church.

The new structure is to cost approximately \$300,000, and the efforts to obtain money for it were first started by the Rev. W. V. Tudor, then pastor of the Mt. Vernon Place Church. His widow, Mrs. W. V. Tudor, will turn the first spade of dirt on the plot at Ninth street and Massachusetts avenue northwest. Addresses will be given in the Mt. Vernon Place Church at Ninth and K streets immediately after the turning of the soil.

**BLIND SOLDIERS' BENEFIT**  
Elaborate Entertainment to Be  
Given at Belasco.

Plans are under way for an elaborate charitable entertainment at the Belasco Theater Tuesday, April 3, to raise funds for the relief of soldiers and sailors of Great Britain, France, and Belgium who have lost their eyesight in the war.

Mme. Alys Larreyne, soprano soloist of the Paris and Hague Grand Opera Company, will give operatic selections and recite. Mrs. Robert Midgley, British officer blinded by a hand grenade at Gallipoli, will speak. Included in the list of patronesses are: Mrs. Duncan Clinch Phillips, Mrs. Charles J. Fitzhugh, Mrs. Rich Ely, Mrs. Dimock, Mrs. Marshall Field, Mrs. Charles Boughton Wood, Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins, Mrs. Charles J. Bell, Mrs. Lutz Anderson, Miss Godman, Miss Blunt, Mrs. Archibald Hopkins, Miss Kibbey, Mrs. Randolph McKim, Mrs. George Marye, Mrs. William C. Rives, Jr., Miss Charlotte Cullen, Mrs. John H. Hewson, Miss Patten, Mrs. Charles L. McCauley, Mrs. John N. Weeks, Miss Jane Riggs, Mrs. Hugh L. Scott, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mrs. George Barnett, Mrs. William Cary Sanger, Mrs. R. Lee Phillips, Mrs. Neville Munroe Hopkins, Mrs. Charles Henry Butler, Mrs. Ralph Jenkins, Mrs. John Gibbons, Mrs. Richard Harlow, Mrs. Samuel Spencer, Mrs. Thomas O. Selfridge, Mrs. H. Cleveland Perkins, Mrs. Litzauer, Mrs. J. M. Biddle, and Mrs. Walter Tuckermann.

FALLS DEAD IN PULPIT

"Old Time Colored Preacher" Was  
Exhorting His Flock.

While exhorting the members of his congregation to lead better, cleaner lives, the Rev. Herman Franklin, aged fifty-five, known to colored churchgoers as one of the "old-time preachers," fell dead in his pulpit in the little Pilgrim Baptist Church, at Third and Van streets southwest, yesterday.

He was stricken in the midst of one of the most forcible sermons he has preached for some time, members of the congregation said. The body was removed to his home, 915 Third street southwest, and Coroner Nevitt notified.

CHURCH FORMALLY OPENED.

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd was formally opened yesterday, with Bishop Philip Mercer, of Philadelphia, officiating. Services began at 7:30 o'clock with celebration of holy communion, and were continued at 11 o'clock, when Bishop Rhinelander preached. There was baptism at 5 o'clock by the Rev. Dr. Herbert Scott Smith, rector of St. Margaret's. The new church was erected during the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. C. S. Abbott.

PULPIT MILITANT  
UNDER WAR CLOUD

Washington Pastors' Sermons  
Echo Patriotic Sentiments  
of the Public.

Spiritual and material preparedness for war was the theme of several sermons in Washington yesterday.

The Rev. Dr. James H. Taylor, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, of which President Wilson was in attendance, made no reference to the international situation, aside from a special prayer for the triumph of American ideals.

The Rev. D. H. Martin, pastor of Dumbarton Avenue M. E. Church, said Washington pastors are ready to shoulder rifles and march off to war against Germany.

"When America gets down to the business of war she will make Germany look sick," he told an audience at Soldiers' Home.

"I started out here to tell you old soldiers to get ready to die and go to heaven," said the minister, "but have changed my mind and am going to tell you to get ready to fight again for the old flag."

URGES CLEAN LIVING

"Ted" Mercer, Reformed Drunkard,  
Talks to Y. M. C. A. Boys.

"Though a man is a church member, it does not follow he is a sinner, a mamma's boy, or a mollycoddle," declared "Ted" Mercer, reformed drunkard and now spending his life urging others to live clean, decent lives, speaking before the boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. yesterday.

"When I was a youngster," stated Mercer, "it was my belief that the church was no place for a red-blooded man. The grasp the church had on me slipped more and more, until I was a social outcast, a brute, and worthless burthen. These other things came into my life and I started the fight to become a man again. With God's help, I was able."

Mercer told of the lives of famous athletes. Ty Cobb, he stated is a marvelous ball player because of their training. "The besetting sin of this nation today is disobedience," stated Mercer. "Obedience is one of the first things an athlete learns. I am strong for athletics."

SAYS JESUS WAS JEHOVAH

Author Calls Swendenborg's Position Most Plausible.

Jesus was Jehovah Himself, dwelling in human flesh, and He came to save the world from its sins, said Walter Brown Murray, of Massachusetts, author of the book "Who Is Jesus?" in a lecture in the New Masonic Temple yesterday afternoon.

His subject was "Was Jesus Man, Superman, or God?"  
Mr. Murray traced the views and ideas of the Divinity, as exemplified in writings and teachings of students of the Bible, and then reverted to the position of Emanuel Swedenborg.

Yes! You truly can lift off every hard corn, soft corn or corn between the toes, as well as hardened calluses on bottom of feet without one bit of pain.

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**EDITH STOREY AND ANTONIO MORENO** TODAY AND TUES.  
**"ALADDIN FROM BROADWAY"**

**10c Matinees 6 P.M. STRAND Evenings 15c 6 to 11**  
**C. AUBREY SMITH** TODAY TUES. WED. THURS.  
**THE WITCHING HOUR**

which he said is the most plausible of all that has been said or printed about the Saviour. According to Swedenborg, Jesus was Jehovah Himself, born into the world from a virgin to redeem a sinning people, Mr. Murray told his hearers.

The speaker said that man, created in God's image, has a trinity of parts, a soul, a body, and an active personality, with power to do.

Judge Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the United States Board of Mediation and Conciliation, introduced the speaker.

**EX-CRIMINAL PREACHES**  
"Tom" Farmer Urges Clean Living as Key to Success.  
Graphically describing his life as burglar and bank robber, "Tom" Farmer, before the men's evangelistic meeting in the Y. M. C. A. yesterday, urged that a clean life be lived if success was the ultimate goal.

Farmer, sixteen years ago gave up his life of crime and became a worker for the reform of others. After serving many years in prison after being with the Jesse James gang, Farmer came East and became converted.

"The police start many youngsters in a life of evil," declared Farmer. "I was a thief and I know. For years I worked under the protection of police, politicians, and lawyers."

URGES UTILITY IN CREEDS

Dr. Montgomery Declares World Asks, "Does It Work?"

Religious creeds must be put to practical use before they are of value, declared the Rev. James Shera Montgomery, pastor of the Calvary M. E. Church, last night.

"Man cannot live on barren abstraction," said Dr. Montgomery. "The world's question today is: 'Does it work?' We must put our creeds into deeds. The common man is, after all, the fountain of our prosperity and the architect of our generations, and a religion that addresses his simplest concern will fail."

"The title 'laboring man' is misleading and by suggestion somewhat degrades. America spells equal opportunity for all."

TRIBUTE TO GUARDSMEN

District Soldiers Hear Sermon At Metropolitan Church.

The evening service yesterday at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, Sixth and A streets northeast, was in honor of the District guardsmen, and the Rev. John Compton Ball, pastor of the church, paid high tribute to the soldiers. Six rows in the front of the auditorium were filled by guardsmen.

"The country is under dark war clouds which may fall at any moment, and mean the calling out of the Boys in Brown to the colors again," said Rev. Ball. "We must prepare in prayer."

BIBLE CLASS ORGANIZED.

A men's Bible class was organized yesterday in Eldbrooke Methodist Episcopal Church, Wisconsin avenue, by the Rev. Dr. Edgar Cordell Powers with this staff: Teacher, Dr. John W. Chappell; president, Harry Harkinson; secretary, Howard Riley; treasurer, Dr. William Thompson; assistant teacher, Curtis M. Smith.

Through Service To Boston  
The Hell Gate Bridge Route will be opened on April 1, when the Federal Express, through night train, will be re-established in each direction between Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New Haven, Providence and Boston via Pennsylvania Station, New York City.

By the construction of a connecting railroad from Sunnyside Yard, Long Island City, to Port Morris in the Bronx, the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad System have been joined with the lines of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad System, and the South and West directly connected with New England by an all-rail route through New York City.

The Hell Gate Bridge is the connecting link. It is a steel-arch structure with a span of over 1000 feet, and carries the standard four-track connecting railroad over the famous Hell Gate channel of the Upper East River.

**SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL EXPRESS**  
NORTHWARD  
Lv. Washington - 7:00 P. M.  
Ar. Baltimore - 8:00 P. M.  
Ar. Philadelphia (Broad St. Sta.) - 10:00 P. M.  
Ar. Philadelphia (Broad St. Sta.) - 10:15 P. M.  
Ar. New York (Penn. Sta.) - 12:20 A. M.  
Ar. New York (Penn. Sta.) - 12:35 A. M.  
Ar. Boston - 7:10 A. M.  
DAILY  
Lv. Boston - 7:00 P. M.  
Ar. New York (Penn. Sta.) - 1:20 A. M.  
Ar. New York (Penn. Sta.) - 1:35 A. M.  
Ar. Philadelphia (Broad St. Sta.) - 3:00 A. M.  
Ar. Philadelphia (Broad St. Sta.) - 3:15 A. M.  
Ar. Baltimore - 4:15 A. M.  
Ar. Washington - 7:20 A. M.

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WILSON COMMENTS  
BOY SCOUTS' WORK

Expresses Appreciation of Their  
Services During Period of  
Inauguration.

President Wilson has sent to Arthur C. Moses, president of the Local Council of the Boy Scouts of America, a letter commending the work of the Boy Scouts during the inauguration parade. The letter follows:

White House, Washington, D. C., March 22, 1917.  
My Dear Mr. Moses: Illness has prevented my writing sooner to express my appreciation of the work done by the Boy Scouts during inauguration day and the inauguration parade. May I not through you say to them how much I valued and how much I admired their conduct and their fine public service?  
Cordially and sincerely yours,  
WOODROW WILSON.  
Mr. Arthur C. Moses, President Local Council, Boy Scouts of America, Washington, D. C.

Speaking of the letter to a Times representative this morning, Ralph E. Campbell, of the local office, said: "This letter is but a sample of the many communications received at the offices of the organization in the Munsey Building."

"President Wilson always has acknowledged the work of the Boy Scouts."

"In this time of national emergency comes the opportunity for the Scouts of this city and vicinity again to show they can be of material service to their President and to the country."

"The Scouts are properly fitted for the great thirty minute mobilization order which will be issued sometime within the next week. At this mobilization will be issued other orders of a confidential nature probably to include the guarding and secret patrolling of all public buildings, bridges, culverts, telegraph and telephone lines, etc."

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in Time for Easter  
**A Big Coat and Suit Sale**  
That Offers You  
New Spring Coats \$19.75  
and New Spring Suits. Values up to \$29.75, at Choice  
—A Western specialty house had ordered these Coats and Suits, but fearing a delay in delivery because of the threatened railroad strike canceled the order. On hand at the moment, we made an offer for the lot at a price, and WE SECURED THEM—they are here ready for you. Select for Easter tomorrow.  
**Stunning Suits**  
—Every new note that marks the styles as the very latest will be found to have representation here:  
—Sport styles of Wool Jersey and Wool Velour, in the latest high colors.  
—Plain tailored styles in belted and pleated effects, of navy and black serge.  
—Braid-trimmed models, some with novelty pockets; also of serge.  
—Braid-bound Suits of poplin, finished with fancy stitching.  
—Box-pleated models in high colors, such as tan, Copenhagen and apple green, also in navy and black.  
**\$19.75**  
**Spring Coats**  
—Are just as handsome as the suits, and offer the same saving opportunity.  
—Among the new materials of which they are made is "FEATHER FLUFF," which you should see to really understand how pretty it is. Others are wool velours, Poiret twills, poplins and gabardines.  
—The styles include new barrel effects, belted styles, big pocket styles, fancy stitched models and button-trimmed coats.  
—The colors are apple green, gold, rose, Copenhagen, honey and emerald.  
—All sizes in both lots, including many extra sizes.  
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